

SEES A MOVIE, THEN AIDS TOBACCO FUND

Glimpses of the Front in "Over the Top" Change His Attitude.

SCREEN STAR A BOOSTER

Sells Empey's Book at Theatre Door After Hard Day's Work Before Camera.

"Harp the boys get smokes by buying 'Over the Top' or 'First Call,' autographed by the author, Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey. The money goes to the Sun Tobacco Fund."

A pretty girl stood beside a small table in the lobby of the Lyric Theatre and called to the crowd which was surging out after witnessing the great Vitaphone picture, "Over the Top," in which she had shared honors with Empey himself. She did not find it necessary to repeat the announcement often. Half a dozen hands, each containing a bill, were extended toward her and other persons, just emerging from the inner door, tried to elbow their way within reaching distance.

The first purchaser was a prosperous-looking man in a silk hat. As he appeared, Betty Blythe—the salesgirl—nodded to a friend at her side and whispered, "I'll tell you something about him later." The man drew three \$5 bills from his pocket and tossed them on the table. Miss Blythe picked up a book to give to him, but he had fled.

Soldier Does His Bit and His Best.

In his place stood a day laborer, his soft collar, his clothing ragged, his hands grimy. He hesitated, as if fearing his mite would be scorned, he laid down a twenty-five cent piece.

"It isn't much," he apologized, "but perhaps it will help a little. I wish I could give a lot more."

Miss Blythe handed him the copy of "Over the Top," which the donor of \$15 wouldn't take. "Take it," she said, "it's yours. And thank you so much for your offering. Indeed it will help."

The workman drew back, but she forced the book into his hand and he departed, the poorest man in the big city. A colored woman drew a \$2 bill from a bag as shabby as it was gaudy and exclaimed:

"My Sambo, over there and he certainly will enjoy them cigarettes! Be sure my book's got the sergeant's name in it, please, mamam. And keep the change."

And so for half an hour men and women from all quarters of the town, all Americans, all seeking to do their "bit," kept Miss Blythe busy. When there came a pause, she explained about the man in the silk hat.

Picture Makes Him Looser.

"I called to him when he was in two hours ago and asked him to buy a copy," she said, "but he gave me a withering look and passed on. The picture must have touched him. I dare say he feels better satisfied with himself now than at any time during those two hours."

"That poor man who left a quarter made the greatest sacrifice of all," Miss Blythe mused after a pause. "It's permitted any of us here at home to use that word, 'sacrifice.' It seems to me it's a word that belongs peculiarly to the boys at the front. Oh, I wish so much that I could do more for them."

It wasn't Miss Blythe, but a friend, who, unheard by her, suggested that the movie actress, despite her disclaimer, was doing a "square deal" and had sold books on each of two nights before, and though this present night—Saturday—was the regular turn of one of the other girls, had made a special appeal. This voluntary service kept her at the theatre till nearly 12 o'clock. Her day at the studio had begun at 7 in the morning and her hours of work violated all union rules.

In the role and plays in the picture now being rehearsed Miss Blythe is assisted by a friend in Hun's uniform. This scene has been rehearsed more than seven times in the course of that day, and each time that the knife seemed to be plunged into her body she was required to execute it with a perfect manner far too realistic to act with anything effect on overwrought nerves. Still, when she had gone through the scene and had fallen for the fourth time Miss Blythe was determined to go to the theatre and sell "Over the Top" for soldiers' smokes.

Long Day, but Wants to Do More

"Only when the last purchasing possibility had disappeared did she admit that she might be a little tired and even then she complained because she wouldn't do more for the boys."

The sale of the autographed books will continue at the Lyric this week, with the Sun Tobacco Fund the beneficiary of the entire receipts. Other parties in the company, also anxious to serve their country, will relieve Miss Blythe to-night and the nights following. Among them are Lois Meredith, Julia Swaine Gordon, Mary Maurice and Nellie Anderson.

Liberty bond subscribers (all true Americans are that, of course) who make their purchases in the booth in the Theatre store, Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, will give direct aid to great war charities as well as to Uncle Sam himself. For each subscriber James McCrory & Co. will give \$1 to one of these charities.

Every person in the first 20,000 placing his subscription at the McCrory booth will be privileged to designate from a list of five the particular project to which he wishes the dollar given for him to go. This list includes the American Red Cross, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish War Relief and the Sun Tobacco Fund.

The booth is handsomely decorated in the national colors and flags are displayed also in the windows of the store's Thirty-fourth street front.

The great drive of the optometrists of the State, who purpose making a substantial contribution to the Sun Tobacco Fund, begins this week and continues until June 12, when the annual convention will be held in Brooklyn, closes. The idea, which originated with Dr. Jacob Eiler, president of the Brooklyn Optometric Club, is endorsed by Dr. Everett D. Krumer of Utica, president of the Optical Society of the State of New York, in the following letter to Dr. Kenney:

"I am in receipt of your letter concerning the optometry tobacco fund and the clipping from the New York Sun of March 30. Your plan is commendable, and I appreciate the interest shown by the Brooklyn men and by the Sun. I heartily approve of the Tobacco Fund drive by optometrists and other optical men of New York State."

"While many optometrists have answered their country's call and offered in all lines have responded liberally in every request in support of the great war for democracy, we should not look upon this movement as superfluous. In addition to the many necessities provided our country, we should also provide for our country's future. We should also provide for our country's future. We should also provide for our country's future."

Film Star Boosts Fund.



BETTY BLYTHE.

This popular Vitaphone artist has been helping the Sun Tobacco Fund by selling autographed copies of Sergeant Arthur Guy Empey's books at the Lyric Theatre.

or other comforts for our soldier boys means little or no sacrifice to us, but means much to those far away from home and friends who are sacrificing much for us."

Posters for Enders Recital.

Artistic posters announcing the programme of the recital to be given by Mrs. Ida V. Enders, contralto, at Cooper Union Thursday night are now on display. They are the work of the art classes of the institution, as well as Mrs. Enders' wide circle of admirers and music lovers generally, is taking a lively interest in the event, but though tickets have sold rapidly, it is still possible to obtain a few in the Cooper Union offices.

The use of the hall is given free, and Mrs. Enders and those assisting her are giving their services without charge. All the receipts, after the deduction of the few inevitable expenses, are to be devoted to projects designed to increase the comfort of our soldiers at the front. The Sun Tobacco Fund receiving half the total amount.

Tickets for the Clam McKenzie reunion, to be held Friday evening in the Amsterdam Opera House, West Forty-fourth street, may be purchased from W. P. Campbell, 622 East Eighty-fifth street; Andrew Wallace, 2 Duncan court, Jersey City; William Nixon, 504 West 171st street; or John MacLean, 231 Fourth avenue. A musical programme of uncommon merit has been arranged, all those participating having volunteered, and the total proceeds will go to the fund.

Blind Men Working for Fund.

The Blind Tunes Guild, which has offered to the fund the full receipts from its concert at the Light House, East Fifty-ninth street, is diligently working to bring this amount to a high figure. L. C. Hamblin, president of the New York branch of the guild, assisted by Richard Steimling, the secretary, is preparing an interesting and valuable programme. There will be organ, piano and violin solos, all blind, and Richard Steimling will sing a group of Russian songs. William Enderling, who has been heard in Aeolian and other public concert halls, will be the pianist.

The date of the concert is April 25, at 8:30 P. M. Applications for seats, which are sold at \$1.50 each, may be

made to Richard Steimling or L. C. Hamblin, at 111 East Fifty-ninth street. The British and Canadian Recruiting Mission is lending its assistance to make a success of the entertainment offered to the fund the evening of May 3 by the Blind Tunes Guild at the Aeolian Hall. It is the intention to have it partake of the nature of a recruiting rally. The subject is "An Evening in the Trenches with Robert W. Service." This post, who has been attached to the Canadian Red Cross since the beginning of the war, is probably the most popular of all the war poets with the soldiers themselves, and his new book, "The Rhymes of a Red Cross Man," has vastly widened the circle of his lay readers.

Start Week Right by Aiding Fund.

Start the week right by helping the soldiers to get more smokes! One way in which you may assist effectively is by making your tobacco purchases in a United or a Schulte cigar store and depositing your coupons and certificates in a Sun Fund box. The bigger your deposit the better for the fellows, for these contributions are translated into enjoyment for the soldiers!

The fund as it stood yesterday morning is shown in the appended table. Contributions received Sundays are not listed until the next day because of the abbreviated mail service.

HOW THE FUND STANDS TO DAY.	
THE SUN AND THE EVENING SUN, \$4,000.00	
United Cigar Stores, including special 2 per cent. of \$100,000.00	\$2,000.00
Other contributions acknowledged	\$1,000.00
New contributions	\$1,000.00
Total	\$8,000.00
Shipped and paid for, \$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Cash balance	\$100,000.00
Received from the Schulte Cigar Stores	\$100,000.00
Grand total	\$200,000.00

40,000 WOMEN REGISTER.

Syracuse Politicians Astonished and Dregs Are Happy.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE SUN. SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 7.—Forty thousand women have registered for the special ballot option election to be held here April 16, bringing the total number of voters up to 74,609. Election officials are puzzled as to how they will be able to provide for this number to cast ballots.

Politicians were astounded to-day on learning that 40,000 women had registered. This is 15,000 above the best estimate made, and unless some hurried arrangements are made for redistributing the city wards and providing several more polling places it will be an impossibility to accommodate this number. Because of the brief time in which to prepare, there is talk of seeking a postponement of the election to a more convenient date of admission. The women are enthusiastic, declaring that the large registration of women voters assures the city of being voted dry.

SOCIETY MEN HIRE AS WAITERS

Seventeen Engaged to Break Hotel Strike in Baltimore.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE SUN. BALTIMORE, April 7.—Seventeen young men better accustomed to giving than receiving orders entered the employ of the Hotel Belvedere to-day as waiters. None of the seventeen needed the money and none cared much about waiting as a profession, for they are Baltimore boys widely known in society, but they had determined that the hotel should have a "square deal" and they're going to help break the waiters' strike.

The strike breakers did not don aprons or waiters' clothes, but they did go to work under the direction of Manager Hager, serving in the cafe, to which tables were transferred from the tea room.

DESTROYS 75 TROLLEY CARS.

Fire in Somerville Preceded by Series of Explosions.

SOMERVILLE, Mass., April 7.—Seventy-five trolley cars and sixteen snow ploughs were lost in a fire which destroyed a section of the Clarendon Hill car barns of the Boston Elevated Railway to-night. The loss was estimated at \$250,000. Officials of the company said they did not know the cause, but some nearby residents said they heard a series of explosions just before the flames were noticed.

ROMANOFFS LIVE IN SERVANTS' ROOMS

Former Czar and His Family Read by Light of Oil Lamps at Tobolsk.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE SUN. Copyright, 1918; all rights reserved. LONDON, April 7.—Nicholas Romanoff, but a few days more than a year ago the Czar of All the Russias and the master of a private fortune estimated at \$2,000,000,000, is passing his days in the servants' quarters of his Siberian palace. About him may be found his shivering family who have gathered in the place formerly reserved for the servants because it is the only warm spot in the ancient pile.

Smoky oil lamps supply what illumination the family may have, and the sanitary arrangements are of such a primitive character that one in middle circumstances in America would marvel that they could have survived another generation.

The delicate little former Czarowitch, suffering from an old wound in the foot and from the ministrations that helped keep Rasputin in power while they undermined the health of the child, passes most of his time in bed. His mother and sisters alternate as nurses for the little fellow.

It is a picture of extreme misery that is presented by the once imperial group in the remote spot of Tobolsk. Such figures might be found in time of panic and stress in the poorest quarters of a great city.

No plumber has laid his civilizing hand on Tobolsk palace, and the water has to be carried by hand from a well, while the family must depend upon the public baths. During the hours when the Czar and his family go for their ablutions the peasantry are kept from them, but the accommodations are identical with those reserved for the humblest and poorest peasant in the jurisdiction.

The wardrobe of the former princesses have been reduced to the minimum. They wear only the shabbiest clothing, and the correspondence intended for the family is still censored in the most strict fashion.

In order that the governing regime may prevent any surprise, the guard at Tobolsk has been strongly reinforced. Under this regimen of misery the former Czar grows day by day more silent and morose. His wife alone of the herd and watched group keeps up spirit. She seeks constantly to maintain the good feeling of the family circle by telling stories of her past life.

For a man who was once one of the richest potentates in all the world, with 600,000,000 acres in his personal portfolio and more wealth in the United States alone than most very rich men ever acquire, the former Czar is now miserable in the extreme. There has been some talk of

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ROMANOFFS TO GO TO URAIS.

Imperial Family to Be Moved Because of Siberian Situation.

LONDON, April 7.—A Reuter despatch from Moscow confirms the report recently published in the Petrograd newspapers that the Holshchik Government has decided to move the imperial family from Tobolsk to a town in the Ural Mountains. This action is to be taken because of the possibility of international complications in Siberia.

FIND CLUE TO CHILD'S SLAYER.

Police Believe Old House, Miss, Girl Was Lured to Chateau.

CLINTON, Mass., April 7.—While State and city police were making every effort to-day to locate the murderer of Stella, aged 4, whose mutilated body was found in a brook Friday night, the funeral of the child was held in St. John's Catholic Church, which was packed to the rafters by a heavy crowd. The Rev. William H. Hickey, pastor, in referring to the murder, warned parents and children to beware of strangers.

In an abandoned house about 250 yards from the place where the child's body was found the police to-day came across a quantity of groceries and a horse blanket. The latter had been stolen from a farm near by. The police believed that a stranger man with whom Stella was seen on Friday afternoon had been making his home in the old house and that it was to this place he lured the child.

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FIGHTERS AT DAVISON HOME.

Entertainment for Fifty.

Thirty sailors and twenty soldiers were entertained yesterday at the Davison House of the Young Women's Christian Association at 4 West Fifty-first street, formerly the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Davison. The men were brought through Fifth avenue in automobile trucks and attracted much attention.

A special musical programme was provided for the visitors and supper was served at 6:30 o'clock. The hostesses said that they intended to repeat the entertainment every Sunday evening.

One of the features was the meeting of a young woman from Indiana with a brother who is at Camp Merritt. The young woman had come to New York to say goodbye to her brother, and had been told that he had gone to France the day before. She was surprised to find him among the ladies who climbed from the automobile that first reached the house. The gathering yesterday included men from California, Arizona, Texas, Idaho, Connecticut and Michigan.

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